Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-003/ U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid 0MB control number. Application Number 10/627,263 REQUEST **FOR** Filing Date July 25, 2003 CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) First Named Inventor Yoshihide KUROKI TRANSMITTAL Address to: Art Unit 2833 **Commissioner for Patents** Box RCE 1450 Examiner Name Felix O. Figueroa Washington, DC 20231 Attorney Docket Number Kuroki-1 lexandria NA22313 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2. 1. [Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114] a. [ ] Previously submitted i. [ ] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. [ ] Other \_ b. [X] Enclosed i. [X] Amendment/Replyii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. [ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. [ ] Other\_ 2. [Miscellaneous] a. [ ] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) 3. [Fees] The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468 1 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) iii. [ ] Other b. [X ] Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed c. [ ] Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED 18,628 Name (Print/Type) Kurt Kelman Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) October 26, 2004 Date Signature CERTIFICATE OF MAILING EXPRESS MAIL NO. <u>EV 493 842 072 US</u> Date of Deposit: Oct. 26, 2004 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to the Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA. 22313-10/28/2004 MAHNED1 00000074 10627263

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